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First Anniversary Of Neighborhood Shopping Center Calls For Celebration

1, 2, 3, testing — are we on the air? Yes we are. This was the opening announcement to a fun-filled day that celebrated the 1st anniversary of the New Community Pathmark Neighborhood Shopping Center. The event was broadcast live by radio network WNJR 1430 AM. Bill Franklin of WNJR served as our disk jockey for three solid hours.

When it opened last year, the new Pathmark became the first full-sized supermarket in the Central Ward in 20 years.

Today the Pathmark Shopping

Center, which includes The World of Foods, Dunkin' Donuts and a full service NCC Print and Copy Center, serves over 50,000 people each week. As a store within a New Jersey Urban Enterprise Zone, taxable products that are sold are subject to only half the state sales tax.

The most frequent comment heard from shoppers during the year was, "What a joy not to have to go out of town to shop for our meals," and, "Was I glad I could just run over to Pathmark!" Seniors especially have enjoyed being able to walk to the



Pathmark Store Manager Bill Simmons, Vice-President of Operations Bob Paton, NCC Board member Joe Chaneyfield and Monsignor William Linder joyfully slice into the cake that marks the first anniversary of the Pathmark Shopping Center.

store again.

The celebration was attended by over 200 people gathered at the World of Foods (Food Court) located in the Shopping Center. The anniversary not only celebrated one year of operation by the Pathmark Store, but was also a tribute to Central Ward residents who participated in the ten year struggle to make the shopping center a reality.

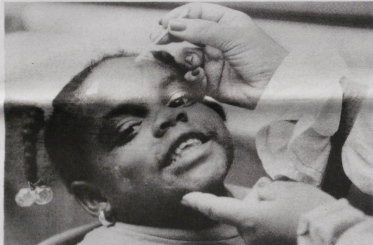
The event was attended by Supermarkets General (Pathmark) officials. Bob Paton, Vice-President of Operations, Bill Simmons, Store Manager and George Lawton, Assistant Manager were on hand to

welcome customers and guests. Jackie Madison, Chief of Staff to Mayor Sharpe James and Central Ward Councilman George Branch offered Anniversary congratulations.

Live entertainment, prizes, food and merriment filled the funpacked day. Joyce the Clown (Joyce Cook) who coordinated the event, painted faces for persons of all ages.

The day's special treat was an Anniversary Cake made to look like the Shopping Center.

Honored at the event were the one year employees of the Pathmark store. They were given special thanks by Store Manager, Bill Simmons.



"FUN, FUN, FUN!" is written across this young girl's face as she has it painted by Joyce the Clown. (See additional pictures on page 3).

Book Signing Party At Plaza For "Swing City" By Barbara Kukla

The Priory Restaurant and The New Beginnings Spa and Wellness Center will sponsor a book-signing party for author Barbara J. Kukla from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Sept. 17 at St. Joseph's Plaza, 233 W. Market St., Newark.

The program will include music by a trio of three of Newark's top musicians of the Swing Era — Clem Moorman, piano; Danny Gibson, drums;

and Chops Jones, bass.

Kukla's book, "Swing City, Newark Nightlife, 1925-50," is about black entertainers from New Jersey's largest city from the Great Depression and Big Band Era into the beginnings of bebop. Bill Cosby has endorsed it as "a giant step toward coming home."

"Swing City," published by Temple University Press in Philadelphia, contains 25 chapters about Newark entertainers and institutions like Savoy Records. Included are stories about Sarah Vaughan; Willie (The Lion Smith), a king of stride piano; and Ike Quebec, the famous tenor saxophonist.

For jazz fans, there also is a "Who's Who of Newark Nightlife," and lists of the band personnel and key nightclubs and theaters of the era. Based on extensive interviews with musicians, singers, dancers, comedians, clubowners, bartenders and waitresses, the book took more than a decade to complete.

The starting point of what Temple

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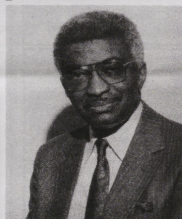
Barbara Kukla

Rev. James Scott Elected President Of American Baptist Churches

The Rev. James A. Scott, pastor of Bethany Baptist Church in Newark was honored by his peers on June 20, 1991, when they elected him president of The American Baptist Churches (ABC) in the United States.

Rev. Scott is well known to New Community for the active role he plays in Newark, both at Bethany Baptist and in the surrounding civic sphere. He is president of the Newark Church Consultation, which is an interfaith church agency; a member of the bio-ethics committee at United Hospitals in Newark, as well as secretary-treasurer of the board of directors there; a member of the North Jersey Black Churchmen and a founder of the Newark Collaboration for social and economic development.

Since coming on as pastor 28 years ago, Scott has seen membership at Bethany, the oldest black congregation in Newark, quadruple. Social ministries of service to his membership such as day-care and senior citizen centers, literacy programs and



Rev. James A. Scott

a food and clothing closet for the needy, reflect his warm, human concern for the community as a whole.

Rev. Scott has long been a supporter of New Community's efforts and we are proud to wish him well in his presidency of the 1.3 million American Baptist Church members.

Book Signing...

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describes as "this lively, intimate portrait of Newark," is the Orpheum Theater, where the famous blues singer Bessie Smith packed the house on Thanksgiving night, 1925. From there, it courses through the house rent parties of the 1930s and the city's major jazz venues, concentrating on the performers' lives and personalities.

Kukla also discusses music and other forms of entertainment as social and economic survival tools in Newark's old Third Ward at a time of rigid segregation.

Author Sheldon Harris has called "Swing City" a "fitting tribute to a city that for far too long has stood in the musical shadow of New York."

Bob Queen, the longtime editor of the New Jersey Afro-American, a black weekly, has said, "Kukla has revived an era of Newark history that should never be forgotten."

The book is dedicated to the singer Viola Wells (Miss Rhapsody), who was born in Newark in 1902. Wells, who died in 1984, spent 60 years in show business. She played the Sunset Crystal Palace in Kansas City, where Count Basie was discovered, in the late 1930s, was a fixture at Kelly's Stable on 52nd Street in New York in the 1940s, and, in later life, was the vocalist with the Harlem Blues and Jazz Band.

Kukla, whose hobby is researching New Jersey jazz history, is a member of the New Orleans Jazz Club. She attended Trenton State College and graduated from Bloomfield College with a B.A. degree in English. She also holds a master's degree in sociology from Rutgers University in New Brunswick.

For the past 23 years, she has been a reporter and editor at The Star-Ledger in Newark. She currently is the editor of Newark This Week, a citywide edition.

At the Plaza, Kukla will tell stories about entertainers in her book. The musicians will offer patrons a musical trip down memory lane to the Swing era. Afterward, "Swing City" will be available for signing and sale.

Contributions To New Community Corporation

If you would like to make a memorial gift or donation to New Community it would be most welcome.

People who would like to give to New Community but don't wish to give up the earning power at the present time can assign a contribution now, but defer payment until sometime in the future.

If you would like more information, please contact Lynn Mertz at Fund Development, (201) 482-0682.

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Progress In Jersey City

What happens when you put a non-profit together with private corporations and government agencies? Progress in Jersey City.

Thanks to the continuous efforts of the City of Jersey City, Jersey City Redevelopment Agency, Department of Community Affairs, Colgate-Palmolive, Midlantic National Bank and New Community Corporation (NCC), there's now evidence in Jersey City that cooperation and perseverance can produce the requisite outcome. Construction on Bayview Courts, Phase I, is approximately three months away from occupancy, which is scheduled for sometime in November. This effort should reiterate within the community that officials are aware of the omnipresent problem of providing affordable housing and a variant effort is being made to combat it.

Over and above the participants involved, the construction of Bayview Courts is a unique development. It will consist of 15 modular houses manufactured by Advanced Building Technology in Tamaqua, PA. These houses are shipped to the construction site where the four pieces (front lower, front upper, rear lower, and rear upper) are mounted, assembled and secured in one day. The three-bedroom, one and a half bath rental townhouses, designed by Helena Ruman AIA, P.E., provide approximately 1,188 square feet of living space.

One goal of this project is to restore hope and pride in a blighted neighborhood with affordable rental housing for low income families, using a hybrid financing plan requiring the coordination of the public, private and non-profit sector, while simultaneously generating monies to provide additional facilities in a



The units are "moving right along" in Jersey City.

neighborhood to address a public need. In other words, seek out and "conquer" the growing problem of non-existent availability of affordable housing.

The traditional high-rise housing project, isolated from the rest of the city and from the "normal-looking" home, at present is the only housing considered affordable in Jersey City. New Community feels that affordable homes do not necessarily have to be ugly. Subsequently, it hopes that Bayview Courts will have a positive impact on the surrounding area and residences; that neighborhood residents will spruce up their properties. Mr. Arthur L. Wilson, president of the NCC board of Trustees, previously pointed out that, "When something new and beautiful comes into your neighborhood, it's contagious." New Community hopes that the metamorphosis of a vacant lot to fifteen attractive new affordable ren-

tal homes will without a doubt enhance this community.

New Community Corporation views Bayview Courts as priming the pump for the above resurgence. The journey of a thousand miles begins with the first step; this is the first step for New Community into Jersey City and we hope our accomplishments in this city will someday mirror that of our accomplishments in Newark.

Prospective tenants are selected from the state's referral list once they have mailed the preliminary application back to the Department of Community Affairs. Interested residents of Jersey City should (1) put their name on the list at the construction site, or (2) call (609) 292-9795 or (609) 984-3380 for an application. Because of the subsidies involved in this project, Jersey City residents have first preference, then Hudson County residents, etc.



NCC Employment Center The Secretary/Receptionist Misconception

How many times have you sat in a business reception area and heard this comment, "I would love to have her job, it's so easy, just answering phones and greeting people."?

The opportunity to hear this statement was presented to me a few days ago here at the Employment Center, which prompted me to take the lay person "behind the scenes" to reality, in defense of secretaries/receptionists who are employed in virtually every type of business and in all aspects of government.

There are many types of secretaries: medical; legal; technical; executive; administrative and generalist. However, receptionist is more a generalist.

Any business person will tell you that good secretaries are worth their

weight in gold.

Here at the Employment Center, Angela Porter is the Administrative Secretary, which means there is no limit to her responsibilities. She handles all things like scheduling appointments, answering phones, maintaining files, typing correspondence, and ordering supplies. In addition, she is a skilled word-processor, which allows her to quickly prepare perfect documents, electrically file and also retrieve large quantities of documents and query the computer for additional information when necessary.

Angela is stationed at our 265 Morris Avenue office and also doubles as the receptionist there.

In any week, or any given day, you may see our Receptionist Tonya Boyd, who is assigned to our 15 Hill Street office, making her way through the downtown traffic headed for Morris Avenue to work on special projects with Angela, while becoming proficient at word-processing. Tonya is also very important to our Center. She handles the multitude of incoming calls, determining the needs and directing them to the proper counselor. Many times you will see her updating the job orders, filing, sorting and distributing mail and messages, typing letters or helping an applicant with questions about the application or testing process.

Our Secretary and Receptionist are team players. They work hand in hand with each other, taking on added responsibilities whenever necessary and meeting deadlines and



Angela Porter

demands of all concerned with the patience and compassion of a saint.

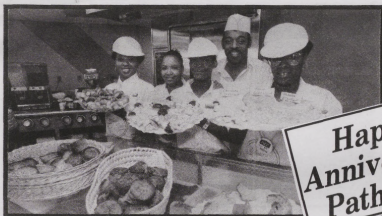
Yes! Secretaries/Receptionists are very important to their companies, for they are the frontline representatives who give customers and clients their first impression of a firm, and make life at the office a lot less hectic for those above their pool.

So the next time, before prejudging how easy the job is of the person on the other side of the desk, remember — it is the behind the scenes reality of these unseen duties she or he performs that have instituted a special day of recognition for all secretaries/receptionists throughout the United States.

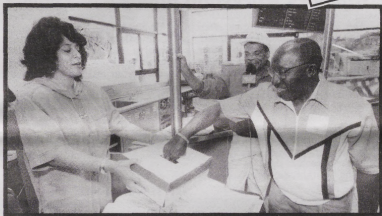
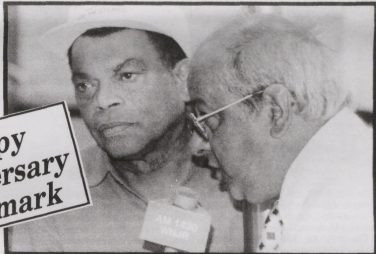
Amanda Harrow
Employment Counselor/
Job Developer



Tonya Boyd



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Harmony House Mom Accepted At College

Ms. Marjorie Geter, a resident of Harmony House since February 26,

1991, started Union County College on July 8, 1991. Ms. Geter was expected to start her college career in September, but scored so high on her S.A.T.'s that monies were identified by the college so that she could begin with the summer session.

Ms. Geter will be studying nursing. In addition to a new start in college, Ms. Geter will be moving into permanent housing this month as well, giving her a new start toward independence with her three children, Latrice, 5; William, 3; and Anthony, 7 mos.

Ms. Geter has chosen to be useful, not to be used; she chooses self-esteem, not self-pity; she chooses to excel, not compete.

We at Harmony House wish you well.

June R. Rodriguez, M.S.W.
Asst. Administrator



Marjorie Geter

Harmony House Welcomes VISTA Volunteers

In May 1991, the Volunteers in Service to America approved a VISTA Volunteer Program for New Community Harmony House Corporation. On July 15, 1991, eight VISTA Volunteers began offering their services to the homeless families and children of Harmony House. Their objective will be to address the negative effects of homelessness by assisting in the areas of parenting, basic reading and math skills of the children and the identification of safe and affordable housing.

Two of the VISTA Volunteers are

homeless individuals who were served by Harmony House. Two other volunteers are present residents of Harmony House. In addition, there are three volunteers from the community and one joins us from Utah. All of the volunteers express a desire to help their fellow man and are eager to serve. As stated by one of the VISTA Volunteers: "I want to do my little bit to help."

Welcome VISTA Volunteers, every helping hand is needed.

Jeanette Page-Hawkins, ACSW
Administrator



The VISTA Volunteers gather for a photo at Harmony House. The desire to help their fellow man is gladly welcomed.

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Pediatric Health Fair

June 25, 1991, between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., United Hospitals and Harmony House conducted a Pediatric Health Fair for homeless children (newborn to 12 years old) residing at Harmony House.

Health information was distributed and dental care and nutrition videos

were viewed. Testing for lead and cholesterol was conducted and immunizations were given.

Clowns, balloons and healthy snacks were on hand. Some tears were also present but smiling faces predominated.



Dr. Cheryl Dixon, left, examines a tot at Babyland V as Sr. Regina looks on.

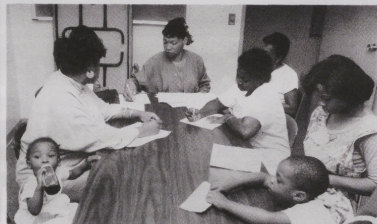
Women's Workshop Builds Self-Esteem

The state of homelessness often leaves women with little or no self-esteem, for it adds to the many other problems they cope with each day. To address this problem, New Community Harmony House initiated a Women's Issues Workshop which has created an air of excitement and expectations here.

The workshop was designed to provide an avenue for self-realization so the women might recognize the uniqueness of each of them and be able to band together, becoming strength to each other.

by Ms. Byrd of the National Women's Training Council (she has also done extensive research with battered women), and Ms. Jean Edwards, Social Worker at Harmony House.

To conclude their ten exciting weeks, the group celebrated with a short ceremony and refreshments on July 17th. Ms. Byrd presented each participant with a certificate of completion. A token of appreciation was given to Ms. Byrd (Volunteer Workshop Leader) from the social worker and the group.



Ms. Byrd, center, and the women of Harmony House complete self-help questionnaires as part of the Women's Issues Workshop.

Since the group's conception on May 15, 1991, some of the sessions have included defining and identifying self-esteem, self-realization, anger, tough love and pleasing yourself.

The workshop is being facilitated

From the ladies — a special thanks to Ms. June Rodriguez, Assistant Administrator of Client Services, and Ms. Jean Edwards, Social Worker and Group Leader.

Keep up the good work ladies! Great rewards lie ahead.

Home Health Aide Program

On July 10, 1991, four women from Harmony House completed the Home Health Aide Program.

The women, Marion Jones, Awilda Carabello, Lea Broadnax and Zeida Flores have all successfully finished the program, and look forward to entering the world of work.

The women of Harmony House graduating from this program have suffered misfortunes in their backgrounds, but have now realized

the dream of once again becoming self-sufficient.

I would like to applaud these women for a job well done and say "charge on." They chose to make changes, not excuses; they chose to be motivated, not manipulated; they chose to excel.

A job well done ladies — well done.

Good Luck
June Rodriguez, M.S.W.

A Busy Summer At Harmony House

Summer at Harmony House began with some "New Directions," not just for the youth, but also for the staff.

Mr. Albert Workfield is the new youth program coordinator whose ex-



Albert Workfield

perience and attitude keeps the Harmony House youth program growing in the right direction.

The summer program started July 8, 1991, with what has been described as the most enthusiastic and energetic youth participating thus far. Considering the experiences of homeless children, their positive attitudes and eagerness to learn can further benefit them and Harmony House.

The summer included a variety of trips, both educational and fun-filled, to help give them a broader view of and exposure to the world around them.

Harmony House youth attended summer camp at Harmony House and throughout the county. The camp sites offered the children a completely different world of fresh air, trees, grass, lakes, birds, animals and insects. Harmony House camp activities included trips, games, arts and crafts, and a reading program for the children. They were never bored.

Harmony House has enjoyed a great summer of learning and fun.

United Way And New Community Join To Address Newark's Housing Needs

Housing Forum Set For October

New Community Harmony House Corporation and the United Way of Essex and West Hudson have joined in partnership to address Newark's affordable housing needs.

Harmony House, a transitional homeless facility for 102 homeless families and children, provides shelter and a vast array of supportive social services to its families, including relocation services and follow-up services to families placed in permanent housing.

The United Way of Essex and West Hudson, in addition to their ongoing commitment to ensuring the availability of vital human services, is embracing a new role — as a convener of community resources — to specifically address problems identified as critical in our area. As part of this new direction, United Way is proud to participate in the upcoming forum on affordable housing. This issue was identified as one of six key problems in a Community Problem Study conducted by United Way. They welcome the opportunity to join New Community Corporation in increasing public awareness of this growing problem and its impact on our area.

National Homeless Conference

New Community Harmony House Corporation had the honor of participating in a National Homeless Conference held in St. Louis, June 12-14, 1991.

The conference was sponsored by the National Alliance to End Homelessness; the St. Louis Salvation Army was the host. The conference was titled — "The Transition from Homelessness to Permanent Housing: A National Conference on Programs That Work." The conference was attended by over 200 participants and speakers from around the country.

Jeanette Page-Hawkins, Administrator of Harmony House, presented Harmony House as a case study during three workshops covering three specific areas: (1) Development and Management; (2) Programming — Case Management; and (3) Relocation.

The presented information was well received and Ms. Page-Hawkins benefitted as well, through her exposure to other homeless providers' programs and experiences in serving the homeless population.

One of Harmony House's main goals is to obtain safe, affordable permanent housing placements for its families. One of United Way's 1991 initiatives is to address the lack of such dwellings. The two agencies have joined in partnership and are in the process of organizing a Housing Forum, set for October 1991. The alarming numbers of homeless families in Newark, are the impetus for this housing forum.

The forum will consist of speakers and panelists who are experts in the area of housing subsidy programs. At the conclusion of the forum, tours of Harmony House will be provided to interested participants.

Brochures with an enclosed registration form will be mailed toward the latter part of August to various landlords, housing developers, low income housing managers, public housing managers, city officials and social service agencies.

We would like to extend an invitation to all housing developers, home owners/landlords and others who are interested in attending, to call Ms. Augustine Douglas, Harmony House Relocation Coordinator at 623-8555, for information and registration.

Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Grant

The New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety — Division of Criminal Justice recently awarded Harmony House a Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Training Grant.

The training grant will provide juvenile delinquency prevention training for New Community Corporation and the community-based providers who service homeless families and children in the greater Newark area.

The primary goal of the training is to enhance the service providers' ability to work effectively with "at risk" youth and their families.

Harmony House will be the lead agency for the training. Several professionals from the juvenile justice, community mental health and substance abuse systems have collaborated with Harmony House staff to provide an eight (8) day training program.

The training will take place in September at Harmony House.

A Bonding Of Generations At The Ice Cream Social

On Friday, August 9, 1991, a bonding of generations began at NCC Extended Care.

Children from Babyland at NCC Harmony House have been visiting residents at NCC Extended Care Facility for an Ice Cream Social each

about nursing homes, so they are willing visitors. The ice cream helps, too."

Sr. Regina, Director of Babyland at Harmony House told us, "These visits are great social and educational events for Harmony House children.



Everybody has a friend at the Ice Cream Social.

Friday for the summer months. Mary Devlin, Administrator for Extended Care, says, "It's wonderful for our residents to see young faces. The children are so affectionate and respond so positively to the residents. Children have no preconceived ideas

Our children do not see their grandparents often, so these adopted grandparents are wonderful fill-ins."

These ice cream socials are good examples of the inter-generational activities available at NCC Extended Care and at Harmony House.



Vocalist Jeanie Bryson

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Then there is my fellow man,
Then there's me...I'm third.**

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Thanks For The Memories

The end of Babyland Nursery Summer Enrichment Program came all too soon for those of us who had the opportunity to enjoy the summer of 1991. Our campers participated in regular camp activities such as arts and crafts, ceramics, skating, bowling, ball games, cooking, and every imaginable indoor and outdoor activity a child can do in ten short weeks. They took trips to amusement parks,

everyone who came into contact with her each day. By summer's end, it was clear to all that she deserved her nickname, "Get the Job Done." Ms. Sussie Howard served as counselor and bus driver for all of our trips. Sussie has worked in the Babyland summer program for the last six years. Her ever present smile and stories kept everyone entertained.

Ms. Mattie Morris, also known as

program as a volunteer. She is currently a senior at Wesleyan College in Connecticut and is an Art Major. Better known as "Fred," she came every day bringing new ideas and an appreciation of the arts. Arts and crafts classes with "Fred" were a source of learning and pride for everyone. "Fred" taught us all to appreciate beauty, and to give of ourselves without thinking. She dedicated several days a week to our children while painting a mural on the basement walls of Babyland IV for their children. We wish her continued success in her studies, thank her again for giving unselfishly of her time, knowledge and friendship.

Thanks to S. Mary Sheridan, curriculum specialist at Babyland, for the beautiful inspirational prayers prepared for our campers.

We are grateful to Mr. Selvin Gumbs, Chief Operations Officer of the Newark Boys and Girls Club and his entire camp staff in Pottersville, New Jersey for allowing our campers the unique opportunity to enjoy their glorious weeks in Pottersville. For many of our campers it was their first chance to see a forest, breathe fresh

country air, or listen to a babbling brook. Our campers got a chance to meet new children every day, and experience life in the country. The Boys and Girls Camp Staff taught them to support one another, work with each other; for many, it was their first experience in dealing with their peers.

Special thanks to Mrs. Mary Smith, the Executive Director of Babyland Nursery whose insight nine years ago concerning the need for a culturally enriching day camp would allow the children of Newark to experience such a broadening event in their lives.

Without the parents who sent us their most prized possessions, we would not have been able to share in the lives of such a wonderful group. We appreciate your trust.

Last, but not least, we'd like to thank each of our campers who made this summer a wonderful learning experience for all of us. Your curiosity, development, enthusiasm and smiles made this a summer we will never forget.

Until next year, have a safe and happy school year! Happy trails! The Staff



Children and staff members get ready to board the bus after their fun-filled excursion to Neil's New Yorker Dinner Theater.

the United Nations, New York City, Neil's New Yorker Dinner Theater, the Afro American Cultural Society, W.W.O.R. television station, and many more fascinating places.

The children learned things that will hopefully follow them through life.

We had the hardest working group of counselors — Ms. Leslie Faye DeVore, Ms. Sussie Howard, Ms. Mattie Morris, Ms. Adrean Fitzpatrick, Ms. Stephanie Covington and Ms. Patricia Ann Horn. This wonderful group of ladies taught the children that with patience, understanding and humor, work can be enjoyable. They taught them unselfish love, teamwork, good manners, pride, and friendship.

The glue that held our program together was Ms. Lesley Faye DeVore. She was indeed the driving force in our camp. Leslie's dedication, humor, witty warm personality, patience and strength was apparent to

"The General" was as kind as she was strong. No one dared mess with Ms. Mattie. Mattie's desire to share her down-home tales, and sayings, held a lesson for everyone.

Ms. Adrean Fitzpatrick kept all campers on their toes with her aerobics and dazzled children and staff alike with her running and athletic ability which was second only to her quick wit! Although Adrean was quick as lightning, she sometimes moved too fast. She would fall all over the place causing everyone to break up laughing and remember why we called her "Steve Urkel."

Ms. Stephanie Covington added "funky sophistication," and a youthful outlook to our camp. Her imitations of everyone were on target and kept us all in stitches. Her flair for the dramatics, and blond hair earned her the nickname "Madonna."

Ms. Patricia Ann Horn came to our

Extended Care Begins Men's Club

The Men's Club of New Community Extended Care Facility is made up of the male residents who meet and talk on their own territory once every month to increase socialization with their peers. Playing cards are available for card games, and checkers are also popular. Movies are shown, and sports events have to be

a lively topic. The club was initiated by a volunteer, Mr. Gregory Miller, and the activity department coordinator.

The men look forward to their meeting and those who attend seem to have a very good time.

Ms. Eva Holiday
Activities Coordinator



Greg Miller and Eva Holiday are the driving force behind the NCC Extended Care Facility Men's Club.

Adult Day Care Entertained

NCC Adult Day Care Center was entertained by the Bergen Street School Opera Club on June 17, 1991, under the direction of Ms. Dobb.

The play presented was entitled *Still Love*.

The invitation to the Center was ex-

tended by Ms. Anita Evans (Guidance Counselor) who is involved in an interaction/socialization program with students of Bergen Street School.

Mary Black
Director, NCC Adult Day Care



Participants in the Adult Day Care Program were treated to a play by the Bergen Street School.

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The slide was installed, the swings were hung, and the rocking horses were secured, but the ground was barren. The playground behind Babyland IV desperately needed some shrubbery in order to create a park atmosphere for the children.

Thanks to the goodness of our friends from Belcore Pioneers of

initiated the idea of planting some shrubbery in the playground. When Steve approached DuBrow's for a donation, he found them extremely generous.

One afternoon the landscapers came and strategically planted 30 red weigela and snowmound spirea throughout the playground. Proper



Mary Lou Madden, left, discusses shrubbery care with Steve DeDominico and Fred Jones.

America in Livingston, connections were made with DuBrow's Nurseries Inc., located in Livingston, N.J. and owned by two brothers, Sheldon V. DuBrow, A.A.S. and Martin A. DuBrow, A.A.S.

Steve DeDominico, from Belcore Pioneer Chapter 99, is the environmental chairperson who in-

care and watering will foster their growth and enhance the quality of the area before long.

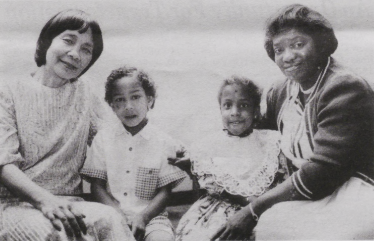
It is through the interest, generosity, and love of special people like this, that our garden will grow and remind us that life is a valuable treasure.

Mary Lou Madden

BABYLAND III GRADUATION



"Say Cheese" ...Happy graduates pose proudly for family photo this past June.



NCC Board members Soledad Alston and Mary Smith proudly show off their graduating grandchildren, Michael Alston and Janiqua Farrell.

Babyland Fun In The Summertime

On July 12th, Babyland Nursery II held their annual Parent-Child Picnic at Tot Park. The day was special because it was also Babyland II T-Shirt Day, and each little child and staff member had on their 1991 Babyland T-shirt.

The youngsters enjoyed the swings, the sandbox, and tackling Ms. Susan on the waterslide, as well as an incredible barbecued buffet.

Parents and their children shared quality time, which each enjoyed. What fun for all!



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Quality time.



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The class of 20 was afforded every opportunity feasible to make a diver-

sion to the positive direction in life. The majority of the students demonstrated intense enthusiasm to complete the course and enter the job world. It is their zeal which provides the gratification for the staff members of New Community Home Health Care Services. Each student is given yet another endorsement — New Community Corporation hires as many as possible for the position of Certified Home Health Aide.



The happy graduates pose for a photo following the festivities.



Florence Williams, Director of Human Services, hands out the diplomas as Sr. Ann Tumulty, Acting Director of Home Health Care, assists.

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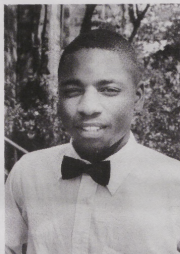
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Priory Outstanding Employee

Ken Kennedy has been working for the Priory Restaurant as a bus boy and waiter for about three months. Ever since he started, he has always put in 100% effort. Once given an instruction he follows through on a consistent basis. It would be very rare to find him doing nothing. Not only will he perform his own duties, but will then help others. This behavior is extremely helpful when developing team work among the staff.

Ken attended St. Rose of Lima School between the first and fourth grades, and eventually graduated from Seton Hall Prep. Graduating from Seton Hall University as an accountant is his next goal. The Priory enables him to save money for Fall tuition.

New Community has helped him tremendously by giving him the opportunity to work and by teaching him the skills necessary to perform his job well. In this vein, Ken stated that, "This company has done a lot for the people in the area. They have given them affordable and spacious living quarters, and they have also trained them at new jobs." NCC allows all hardworking individuals to become totally self-sufficient. Ken also hopes that by working hard he will be fortunate enough to assume



Ken Kennedy

more responsibility and carve a career within the company.

Ken's spirit of working to serve others falls in line with that of New Community. It is with great pleasure that we nominate Ken Kennedy as an outstanding employee. We look forward to his continued service, and wish him the best in whatever endeavors he tackles.

The Man And His Dream

On July 9th, 1991, the 140 Gospel Choir, residents, family members and Mr. Pernell Brice, New Community Representative, gathered in the Community Room at 140 Commons Seniors to honor Joe Chaneyfield for his tireless years of dedicated service to and for Seniors by presenting him with a beautiful plaque.

Mr. Chaneyfield's dream of a better quality of life for seniors, comfortable pleasant, affordable housing, supportive services and shopping facilities here in the Central Ward have come to fruition.

The dreamers dream lives.

Rosa Rivers, President
Mrs. Z. Brown, Director



Joe Chaneyfield, an original New Community Board member, accepts his plaque from his grandson, Arthur, as members of the choir look on.

An Opportunity For Transformation

After graduating 62 people from New Community, Babylon, and St. Rose of Lima Parish since it began in 1988, the Network Leadership Development Institute is sporting a new look for Fall of '91.

The Institute gathers people with leadership potential from all corners of the Network to enjoy and benefit from the sessions.

At the meetings, Network history and issues are used as a springboard to explain such topics as: self esteem/personal effectiveness/leadership qualities; communications and analysis skills/critical thinking; getting involved in issues which affect our lives and developing the skills needed to change things.

Over the weeks, participants develop their own support system,

which becomes a source of great strength for the group since none of us is as effective alone as we are together.

During the nine week series, knowledgeable speakers from many departments of the Network will conduct sessions on Communicating Effectively, Qualities of Leadership, Community Organizing, History of the Network, and Youth at Risk.

This season's meetings will be held on Wednesday evenings between 10:00 and 12:11 from 7 to 9 at Babylon III. Child care and transportation to and from the meetings can be arranged.

For more information, to register, or to recommend someone to be included in our Fall program, please call Sr. Mary Ellen at NC Social Services, 623-6114.

Security Corner

The "Gentle Giant" Comes To Newark

Rosey Grier, often referred to as the "Gentle Giant," was the invited featured guest speaker for a number of community-related weekend programs sponsored by the "Security Officers for Christ."

Reverend Grier's three day visit, began with a prayer breakfast at St. Joseph Plaza's Priory Restaurant on Saturday, June 29th, and ended Mon-

day community youth as well as other disenfranchised individuals. Working primarily through the organization he founded, the "Christian Peace Corps," his message of love, hope, and rehabilitative behavioral initiatives, have undoubtedly gone a long way in helping countless individuals in prisons, schools, and inner-city streets. The



Rosey Grier, standing center, is surrounded by Harmony House residents on his recent tour.

day, July 1st with a luncheon press conference. During the weekend, Grier focused on a number of topical social issues relevant to inner-city communities.

The former NFL football player, actor, television personality, and now, born-again Christian, spoke about the many successes he's had in conflict resolution with Los Angeles inner-

many successes in this work earned him the name "Gentle Giant."

The "Security Officers for Christ" planned and implemented the Grier Program as an impetus for its own Christ-centered community-service work to assist the poor and disadvantaged. Reverend Pilgrim stated that the recent success of Grier's visit would be a source of inspiration for a long time to come.

In-Service Training For All

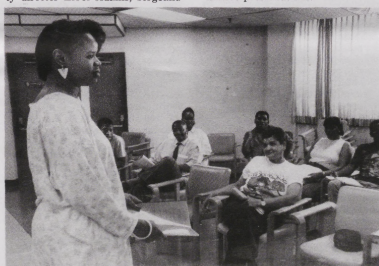
In-Service Training sessions were held for two days for all NCC Security Officers. The sessions were conducted on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 13th and 14th, 1991.

The Security Officers received training in patrol, report writing, court room testimony and behavior, domestic violence, rules and regulations, preserving crime scene, marking of evidence, how to deliver a baby, and self-defense. Two new additions to the curriculum were, instructions on how to handle hostage situations, and bomb threats.

The instructors were security director James DuBose, assistant security director Errol Adams, sergeant/

executive officer Andrew Perry, and secretary/staff assistant Gwendolyn Grier, who lectured on payroll computation, etc.

Among the guest lecturers were NCC corporate attorney Carmen Rodriguez, who gave instructions on the importance of information in report writing, and testimony in court. Other lecturers were Detective Sergeant Barry J. Colecilli, and Detective Stephanie Treadwell, of the Narcotics Bureau of the Newark Police Department, and Detective Vincent Moscaritola, of the Essex County Sheriff's Bureau of Narcotics, all of whom gave excellent and informative presentations.



Gwen Grier, discusses everyone's favorite subject...payroll.

Officers Of The Month

August

Security Officer Darren McKnight was selected Officer of the Month for August, 1991.

Security Officer McKnight, a 1987 graduate of Union High School, Union, New Jersey, was chosen for his loyalty and unselfish dedication to duty, as well as his perfect attendance record.

A member of the elite New Community Security Color Guard, Officer McKnight is the type of security officer who can always be relied upon to do the job, and to do it well, no matter how unpleasant or difficult the assignment. Always immaculately attired in his uniform, Officer McKnight possesses the type of demeanor and discipline by which all NCC Security Officers are gauged.

department, was chosen Officer of the Month, for September, 1991.

Officer Moye, a native Newarker, and graduate of the former Vailsburg High School in Newark, was selected for her loyalty and unselfish dedication to duty.

Security Officer Moye was initially assigned to building security. However, upon reassignment, she has done an excellent job as a dispatcher, for the past two-and-a-half years. In addition to maintaining a near perfect attendance record, Officer Moye is very conscientious, unyielding, and uncompromising, when it comes to doing her duty.

Employed as a cashier in a local variety store, Officer Moye joined



Officers Darren McKnight and Marlana Moye are flanked by Director DuBose and Assistant Director Adams as they receive their plaques.

The NCC Department of Security congratulates Security Officer Darren McKnight, on his accomplishment.

Officer McKnight, was awarded a plaque from the New Community Corporation in honor of his achievement.

September

Security Officer Marlana Moye, a three year veteran of the security

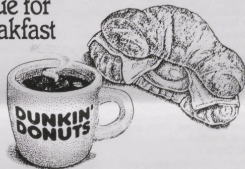
NCC Security on the recommendation of a relative, a former member of security.

The NCC Department of Security congratulates Security Officer Marlana Moye on her accomplishment.

Security Officer Moye was awarded a plaque from the New Community Corporation for her achievement.

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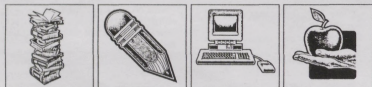
At Your (Social) Service

by the Staff of NCC Social Services Department

A Great Summer Winds Down



Games, food and good times were on hand as the New Community campers celebrated the close of the summer with a party.



After School Fun And Learning

Dear Prospective Participant/s:

Registration for New Community Youth Service After School Fall/Winter Program began August 26, 1991. Registration hours will be from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at 220 Bruce Street, Monday through Friday. The actual program will begin September 16, 1991.

The program will focus on educational and recreational activities with emphasis on combining the learning of the two components. The educational component will provide tutorial assistance to foster learning in areas of study that are most needed. The recreational component will host a number of physical and mental activities that will encourage individual and group cooperation and responsibility.

Activity Fees:

General Activity Fee	\$5.00
Intramural Basketball (Girls and Boys)	Included
Intramural Football	Included
Arts and Crafts	Included
Video	Included
Ceramics Classes	\$15.00
Ten Activities	\$5.00
Dance/Drama Classes	\$15.00
Sewing Classes	\$15.00
Field Trips	Priced Accordingly

After school program hours are from 3:00-6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Teen activities are from 6:00-8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Come in and select the program that suits you. For more information, you may come to the above address or call (201) 623-6951.

Please note: All cost is subject to change at the discretion of New Community. Furthermore, all fees are non-refundable.

Bill Sirman
Administrator
Youth Services

What's A Kid To Do?



"Guess who?!" Mask making was only one of the many activities this past summer.

No need to ask that question at New Community Youth Services Summer Day Camp 1991. There was plenty to do here. There were no typical days. Each one was a new adventure.

A day in the life of a camper here started out with breakfast. From there it went in many directions. Time was spent on reading and math. There were arts and crafts projects such as yarn sculptures, rainbow tops, fun signs and the ultimate project — finger painting. Creative games, as well as board games were offered. There were videos and a RIF book distribution.

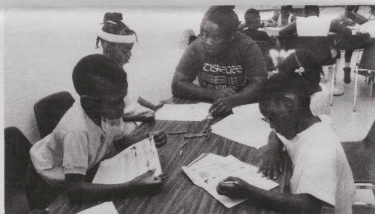
When not on site the campers were found at Branch Brook Park, the YMWCA downtown, Lake Hopatcong or on a trip somewhere. The trips

scheduled were to the New York Aquarium, Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island, Bow Craft, Bronx Zoo, Water Works, Hayden Planetarium, Fairy Tale Forest and Sandy Hook.

There is no denying that the campers enjoyed themselves. Most could not wait until they got here in the morning and then did not want to leave. Some parents found it hard to pick up their child at 3:30. So, we extended our program to 6:00 p.m. This after-care has been a life saver for some.

Youth Services would like to thank all those who participated in the Summer Camp Program this year. We look forward to seeing you back for the 1992 season.

Register early! Have a happy and safe school year!



Academics, disguised as fun, enhanced learning for the campers.

Youth Services Receives Simon & Schuster RIF Grant

The READING IS FUNDAMENTAL (RIF) program conducted by New Community Youth Services has been awarded one of Simon and Schuster's grants to local RIF projects for outstanding service in motivating youngsters to read. The grant will be used to purchase additional books for children.

Through the work of local volunteers and the guidance of national RIF headquarters in Washington, D.C., the New Community Youth Services RIF program inspires children to read through planned reading-related activities and by making it possible for youngsters to choose and to own books that interest them, without cost to them or their families. In the three years since the RIF program was established in Newark, it has enabled area youngsters to become proud owners of some 4500 books. "The Simon & Schuster grant will

help us continue providing a wide variety of books that awaken and nurture youngsters' interest in reading," Sister Connie Kelly said. "RIF's unique approach makes youngsters want to read. And the more they read, the more their skills improve."

Founded in 1966, READING IS FUNDAMENTAL is a national non-profit organization that helps children discover the joy and importance of reading through a nationwide network of 3,500 local projects such as the one in New Community Youth Services. RIF also assists parents who want to encourage reading in the home.

OOOPS!

Last month we transposed the photos of Students of the Month, Al Moses and Anton Fitzpatrick. Sorry.

A Senior Extravaganza

For the past several years seniors from all over the city of Newark and vicinity have come to the PSE&G amphitheatre. This picturesque site between Park Place and Raymond Blvd. draped with the mirrored glass windows of the PSE&G building and the shimmering freshness of the fountain and almond shaped reflecting pool, serves as the stage and runway for many Golden Agers who proudly show how to be fashionable during their elegant years.

This year is no different. On Thursday, September 12, 1991 the Newark City-Wide Senior Citizen Fashion and Talent Extravaganza...A Living Legacy Program will take to the runway.

From 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. there will be 50 seniors, male and female, who will show that being in style and "strutting your stuff" is ageless.

For the first time this year there will also be a talent competition segment in which 10 women will vie for the title of Ms. Newark Senior Citizen. The winner will go on to compete in Atlantic City in October for the title of Mrs. Senior New Jersey.

Persons interested in either the

many of us should try to imitate.

Sponsors of the Extravaganza are the Mayor of the City of Newark and the members of the City Council who took on the responsibilities of furnishing box lunches, celebrity modeling, videotaping, and comfort stations as well as other behind the scene tasks.

The Newark Housing Authority provides 500 chairs for the seniors as well as setting up and cleanup, transportation, insurance, sodas and more.

Public Service Electric and Gas Company, consultants, provide the Amphitheatre, hospitality, corporate models and much more.

The Newark Department of Health and Human Services, Ms. Kitty V. Taylor and her staff at the Division of Social Services, provide the backbone, organizational skills, contacts and the fuel of the fire, The Newark Nutrition Project, who worked closely with the Atlantic City officials in setting up the talent competition.

The George Branch Civic Association, the Mayor's Senior Citizens Commission, The Newark Office on Aging, the New Community Corpora-



Mrs. Mae Belle tries new hairstyles as she prepares for the Newark City-Wide Senior Citizen Fashion and Talent Extravaganza.

fashion or talent segments should contribute their local activity centers or senior nutrition sites for information and applications.

It promises to be a grand affair which will be held rain or shine. In the event of inclement weather the function will be held at the Quality Inn on Park Place.

Many hands go into the producing of this Extravaganza, particularly the sponsors, who conceived the idea of putting together a function bringing together as many seniors as possible from all over the city, and vicinity to have fun, put on a show and fellowship. The event will show the large crowd of passersby and onlookers that these are persons who have and still are contributing a wealth of vitality to the community and who are displaying attributes

tion and the United Community Corporation each had a representative on the working planning committee. The fine musical entertainment of the infamous Chick Wing and his Band will be present.

This is truly an affair extraordinary and not to be missed. Get out of the house, reschedule your lunch hour, do something different and come to the inviting PSE&G amphitheatre to cheer, admire, and to reminisce on Thursday, September 12 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Enjoyment is free to the public.

For further information, contact Arlene Presley, Elderly Nutrition Project, 624-2166; Kitty V. Taylor, Division of Social Services, 624-6218; or George Branch, Councilman Central Ward, 733-6425.

Joyce Cook

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

We missed out on the July/August issue of the Clarion, but I still want to let you know what is happening at Babyland II. Like they say, "better late than never."

On June 27th, Babyland II held their pre-school graduation exercises in the St. Rose of Lima auditorium. This year our graduation was dedicated to the late Martha Palmer Chaneyfield who inspired us all. Special awards were given to parent volunteers, Mary Willard, Annie Daniels, and Michelle Agostino who was also our guest speaker.

Our junior volunteer award went to Nakia Leadbetter; community services award went to Mr. Sonny

Cooper of Cooper's Deli on Orange Street, Newark. A special award went to Soledad Alston, Administrative Assistant at Babyland Nursery, and thank you Mrs. Mary Ann Kearny for supporting us in so many ways.

The children did a great job, especially when they demonstrated what they learned in dance classes at the Studio in Hackensack, N.J. Hopefully, we will pick up the same opportunity in September.

We would like to thank everyone who came and participated in our day at Babyland Nursery II.

Carol Leadbetter
Head Teacher

Camping Good At Any Age

Swimming, canoeing, biking, fishing, relaxing, sleeping without the sound of fire engines or ambulances screeching...what a treat!

Not only the young need a break during the summer, and a change of scenery, but the senior set need to enjoy this freedom as well.

For the past seven years, some of the senior residents of NCC, their friends and relatives, have looked forward to visiting Camp Tecumseh, a Salvation Army Camp at Pittstown, N.J. The camp director and program coordinator, Mrs. Claudia Comitino, has been successfully bringing smiles of contentment to the faces of hundreds of fun-seekers.

This year, 22 experienced campers explored the fresh air in the foothills of Pittstown. They were divided into 2 groups — the first spent a week in July and the second a week in August. Both had times which made being out of the hot sultry city really pleasurable.

Reservations are being accepted now for the 1992 camping seasons. For more information contact Joyce Cook, New Community Social Services, 220 Bruce Street, 623-6114.

Think about it. Seven days and six nights for under \$150.00, includes 3 meals a day and lots of rest, relaxation, fishing and fun.

Sign up early!

Joyce Cook



Eager senior campers board the bus as Mr. Green checks his itinerary.

Women's Retreat Nears

Finally our Women's Retreat Weekend, September 13 to 15, is almost here. Anticipation can be felt all around the Network, as women from N.C.C., Babyland, and St. Rose of Lima Parish make plans and pack bags.

All of us look forward to time away; time for ourselves, for one another; quality time for the God we so often take for granted.

"Retreat" is an apt word for the experience. This step away from the ordinary creates the distance which allows us to see life from a different perspective.

Last December our group traveled to The Dominican Retreat House in Elkins Park, PA, near Philadelphia

for our first weekend together. Shared prayers, song, laughter, reflection and conversation brought participants together in a remarkable way. Co-workers saw each other in a new light; support was found in unexpected places; strangers became friends.

We evaluated that experience and custom tailored this one to our preferences...again in Elkins Park.

It is no wonder that as "our" weekend draws near our anticipation level is so high, and our welcome to those who would join us is so warm.

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Saint Rose Of Lima School: 100 Years Of Educating

Looking back to the origin of St. Rose of Lima School, historical records note that on October 12, 1891, the small wooden church which would become its first home, was purchased from the Methodist congregation in Newark for \$5,500. Work was at once begun to change it into a Catholic School, and on September 11, 1892, the opening session was held.

About one hundred children attended the organization of classes and three Sisters, Sister Clara Teresa, Sister Fausta, and Sister Elizabeth came from Saint Vincent Academy each day to teach the children.

For five years St. Rose of Lima School operated in this refurbished church. The Sisters commuted from Saint Vincent Academy, until a residence was rented on South 12th Street in 1897. When a small house on Gray Street was purchased in 1899, the Sisters, now numbering eleven, moved once more.

Meanwhile, much relocation was in process. The former Methodist Church which now housed the school would become Saint Rose Church, in order to accommodate the growing parish. The wooden structure built for the first church by Father James McKeever would in turn (1897) become the school.

In 1907, construction was begun for a brand new school which would come to be the permanent structure. The cornerstone of the new building was laid on April 12, 1908.

The stone was hollowed out to receive a copper box containing records, newspaper clippings, old coins and various relics. The stone may be seen today in the northeast corner of the school building.

The pupils assembled in their magnificent building on January 6, 1909, a real feast of "manifestation" for the five hundred students who flocked through its doors. On September 5, 1991, one hundred years later, Saint Rose of Lima will again open its doors to eager students grades K through 8.

Today, Saint Rose School is a microcosm of ethnic diversity. Its story is one of hopes and dreams, sorrows and struggles of a faith filled people. They have handed down a rich heritage to their Irish, Polish, English and American children who

St. Rose of Lima School, then & now. At right is the original St. Rose Church when it was used as a school. Below, is the current St. Rose of Lima School.



continued to pass that heritage from generation to generation. St. Rose has come through peace and war, good times and bad times to the present generation of African, Columbian, Cuban, Hispanic, Nigerian, and Puerto Rican students. The school's programs are designed to address these cultural differences; to honor individual heritages; and to assist each nationality with the American culture.

Although there have been many changes since that first day on September 11, 1892, Saint Rose of Lima continues today with its 300 students and 15 multi-cultural staff members. Saint Rose School welcomes all children of every land, and creed, striving to make each one — resident or immigrant — feel at home.

Teachers Learn Too

Quality staff development is the key to long lasting school improvement. An expanding knowledge base, both in the academic disciplines and in the field of education requires that teachers and administrators continually renew themselves. The world around schools has changed and new skills must be acquired by teachers and administrators if schools are to respond to these challenges. The number of at-risk youth, the economic demands and the changing demographic and family patterns cause teachers and administrators to face situations for which their initial college training has left them unprepared.

The staff of Saint Rose of Lima School is well acquainted with these educational needs and changes and have again participated in the following workshops:

- 1) Connecting curriculum objectives to thinking and reasoning;
- 2) A model for curriculum integration;
- 3) Integrating the teaching of thinking into elementary sciences;
- 4) Mathematics — multi sensory approach;
- 5) A curriculum of liberation; and
- 6) Making a cultural difference.

The week of August 26th-30th found teachers refreshed and ready to begin anew! The days spent with each other, and with the staff of Saint Rocco's School learning, sharing, planning and praising the Lord were significant.

Special thanks are extended to: Barbara Frank, Ph.D., Jed Luchow, Ph.D., Maureen Madden, Religio Education Consultant; Stephanie Arrington, Consultant; Leonard Jeffries, Ph.D.; and Bishop Joseph A. Francis.

One Life To Better Others

A year ago when I began working at Babyland, I would never have imagined that it would lead me on a journey to fulfill a dream. It started as a job, but has turned into a driving determination to help those who are affected by the HIV/AIDS virus.

As the bus would pull up each morning I would see the children come running in with their arms open to give me hugs and kisses. I knew then that I had to do something; I knew I had to make a difference in the lives of these beautiful and lovable children for whom tomorrow was not guaranteed. I knew I had to help the mothers who became victims of this virus empower themselves, so they in turn could empower their children. A positive feeling of self worth is a necessity for combating the discrimination and cruelty that society projects towards those who are infected with the HIV virus.

As an African-American woman, I feel an even stronger magnetism to help my fellow African-American sisters and brothers who are living and dying with the HIV/AIDS virus. It is important that our communities are educated and have people who are willing to stand up for their rights. I wish to be an advocate and role model for my community.

Unexpectedly, I have learned the true meaning of compassion, and unconditional love from a group of two and three year olds. I have learned understanding and respect from the mothers and foster mothers of these children.

I make a plea to all who read this article to get involved and not turn your back. People are dying; "Our" people are dying; and our children are dying.

In September I will be attending



The look of caring and devotion on Darschelle Jones' face says more than words ever could.

Rutgers University to receive my Masters in Social Work. With this, I will dedicate my career to helping those who are being affected by this virus. I have been inspired to go after my dream of making a difference. If

we pull together in support of one another, maybe we can defeat this virus that is killing our communities.

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Focus On Families: Conversation With A Returned Camper

Adult: How was camp?
Child: Great! I had a good time.
Adult: Were you homesick?
Child: No. There was a big pool there and we had three meals a day.
Adult: Did you make a lot of new friends?
Child: Yes.
Adult: Are you going to write to them?
Child: Yes.

Adult: Do you have their addresses?
Child: Yes. I have everybody's address; (with great awe) I even have Sr. Teresa and Sr. Linda's address.

The Franciscan Sisters of Ringwood, NJ offered scholarships to their camp to children of the New Community Network. We are very grateful to them.

Sister Mary Ellen Bennett